



## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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### **Blunt Announces Missouri's Request for Expedited Disaster Assistance Approved**

Jefferson City: Governor Matt Blunt today announced President Bush approved Missouri's request for an Expedited Presidential Disaster request for assistance to help local communities recover from the recent storm damages, power outages and heat related issues.

"I am pleased the President rapidly responded to our request to help St Louis City, St Louis County and surrounding counties recover from severe weather and heat," Governor Blunt said. "While I commend Ameren's power restoration efforts, I am deeply concerned for our citizens suffering from the extreme heat, and some communities still experiencing municipal water plant outages," he said.

The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) is currently working with local governments on cooling centers, generators, water and ice delivery.

The Governor's official request asked for the following counties: Dent, Iron, Jefferson, St Charles, Washington, St Louis and the City of St. Louis. He request asked FEMA to consider not only the July 19<sup>th</sup> severe weather, but also heat issues and the possibility of additional severe weather over the weekend.

The Governor issued two executive orders directing state agencies and the Missouri National Guard to respond to local officials requests for assistance. He activated the State Emergency Operations Center to coordinate assistance.